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SUBJ: NATOMIN:12/73: DRAFT AGENDA FOR NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. NOVEMBER 16 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL AGENDA (REFTEL) PRODUCED FOLLOWING TENTATIVE DECISIONS/ COMMENTARY ON INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

I - INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING: GENERAL CONSENSUS FORMED AROUND VIEWS OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN PERMREPS THAT INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING SHOULD BE HELD ONLY IF IT PROVIDED SOMETHING OF UNUSUALLY GREAT INTEREST. STANDARD PRESENTATION ON EAST/WEST FORCE BALANCE DID NOT SEEM TO MEET THIS CRITERION. WHILE FULL- DRESS PRESENTATION ON LESSONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE ME CRISIS SEEMED TO FILL THE BILL, MILITARY COMMITTEE SAID THAT ITS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION WAS CURRENTLY UNABLE TO MAKE SUCH A PRESENTATION. IT WAS THEREFORE TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT NAC INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING WOULD BE DROPPED UNLESS SOMETHING DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD MAKE IT WORTHWHILE.

V - THE GENERAL STATE OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AND CIVIL CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS IN 1972/73: DELETED FROM AGENDA BECAUSE PERMREPS SAW NO NEED NOW TO SUBMIT THIS MATTER TO MINISTERS.

VI - DATE, PLACE AND SCOPE OF NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING:

SYG WILL SEEK VIEWS LATER WHEN PERMREPS HAVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS SINCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS INVOLVED.

2. SYG LUNS NOTED THAT A DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT COULD BE HELD EITHER UNDER INTERNATIONAL SITUATION ITEM OR IN PRIVATE MEETING AMONG MINISTERS WHICH HE SAID WAS HGHLY DESIRABLE IN ANY EVENT.

3. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ON PRIVATE MEETING PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS. MANY FELT SUCH A SESSION WOULD BE USEFUL IF IT DID NOT MERELY DUPLICATE MORE FORMAL EXCHANGES IN NAC. BUSCH (NORWAY) POSED QUESTION OF WHETHER DEFENSE MINISTERS WOULD JOIN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND PERMREPS IN ANY PRIVATE, INFORMAL SESSION. LUNS SAID HE HAD HERETOFORE THOUGHT OF INCLUDING MINISTERS, PERMREPS AND ONE NOTETAKER.

4. SUGGESTION THAT SUBMISSION OF PAPERS BY FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT SUBSTITUTE FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS IN COUNCIL SESSION WAS REJECTED, BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO DOING SO FOR DPC MINISTERIAL.

5. U.S. (MCAULIFFE) INFORMED COUNCIL TIME HAD NOT PERMITTED US RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON MINISTERIAL AGENDA. RUMSFELD

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